

1905 Fiftieth 1955
Anniversary



First English Lutheran Church
Winnipeg, Manitoba

REV. H. H. W. EGLER, Pastor

"Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you, and Lo, I am with you always even unto the end of the world." *Matthew 28: 19-20*

With the above words, Jesus commissioned His disciples to build His church, that men might learn to know the love of God, the Creator, Who sent His only Begotten Son into the world, to redeem the world, through the sanctifying power of the Holy Ghost in the Word and Sacraments.

Upon this commission, First English Lutheran Church was founded and perpetuated by the God-loving and God-fearing people who have given of their talents, their substance and themselves, during these many years.

First English extends a hearty welcome to all who enter our church to worship with us, that they may share the abundant blessings bestowed upon us by God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost.

THE CHURCH COUNCIL

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I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth.

The Third Sunday

After Trinity

June 26, 1955

FIRST ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH

— MARYLAND & ELLICE AVE. —

Rev. H.H.W. Egler, Pastor 229 Garfield St.,
 Residence 72 7635 Church 73 4134
 Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Mrs. H.L. Flood, Organist and Choir Director.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Organ Prelude		
Processional Hymn # 198	First Two Stanzas	
(Congregation Rises for Processional)		
Opening Hymn # 240		
The Service	Word Edition 7	Music Edition 9
Introit	123	93
Gloria Patri	9	10
Collect for the Day	123	9
Epistle I Peter 5: 6-11.		
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah.		
Anthem. "Praise Ye the Lord."		Choir
Gospel Luke 15: 1-10.		
Baptismal Service- Apostles' Creed		
Sermon Hymn # 207		
Sermon " The Eternal Promise "		Pastor
Offeratory	14	18
Reception of Offerings		
General Prayer and Lord's Prayer		
Closing Hymn # 283		
Benediction		
Recessional Hymn # 198	Last Two Stanzas.	
Organ Postlude after a Silent Prayer.		

50th ANNIVERSARY PROGRAM AND RECEPTION

We hope that you will be able to be with us this evening for the program and reception which will start at 8-00 P M. Come and enjoy the Church's Birthday Party.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH AND SUMMERTIME ATTENDANCE.

We know that the summer days are few in number, and that all of us like to get the most out of them. We know that many of our members go away on holidays, so often we sort of forget about the church in summer. We hope that if you are going to be in town, that you will come and worship with us, and if you are on a trip, why not drop in and worship at some church? God can be worshipped wherever we may be, and summer is a pleasant time to worship.

If you are a visitor, we hope that you may come again, and better still if you have no church home of your own, that you will plan to join our church. The pastor will be glad to talk the matter over with you. If you have not registered in our Guest book, we hope you will do so before you leave. The book is in the hallway.

50th ANNIVERSARY GIFTS.

For our 50th Anniversary, we are combining the Thanksgiving and Anniversary Offering with the hope that we may be able to pay for all improvements on the church this year. Members have received Special Anniversary Gift Envelopes through the mail, and should anyone want a special offering envelope, they may be obtained from an usher.

We take this opportunity to thank all who have so graciously given of their substance for God's Kingdom through First English these many years. May God bless each of you.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ON HOLIDAYS.

During the next two months there will be no Sunday School, but we do hope that the children and parents will attend church for the summer months.



Christ is All in All

COLOSSIANS is one of three letters Paul wrote while he was a prisoner in Rome. The apostle was living in a rented house from which he could continue his mission work. There a man named Epaphras came to confer with him. Largely as a result of his visit, Paul wrote COLOSSIANS.

Epaphras ministered to, and probably founded, the congregation at Colossae, a hundred miles east of Ephesus in Asia Minor. He gave the apostle a good report on the congregation but also was concerned about certain false views which were gaining ground among the members. Some of them claimed superior knowledge of divine things and introduced the worship of angels.

This particular heresy was just the one to stir Paul most deeply since it clearly denied the supremacy of Christ.

Paul knew that the best way to combat error is to confront it with truth. So he wrote a letter whose main purpose is to declare the sufficiency of Christ to meet man's needs. The grace that saves sinful men comes only through faith in Christ.

The epistle opens in the usual way with a gracious salutation, a heartfelt thanksgiving, and a moving prayer. Its closing chapters, three and four, are

filled with suggestions for Christian conduct—a passage on the Christian home is one of the best known on that subject. The remainder of the book exalts Christ as the only "all in all" for men.

Paul opened every step of the organ to say of the Lord:

"Who is the image of the invisible God. . ."

"... and you, being dead in your sins, hath he quickened. . ."

"And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord. . ."

There must have been a bit of additional excitement when this letter reached Colossae, for it was delivered by Tychicus who carried another letter, too. It was addressed to Philemon, a member of the congregation whose runaway slave, Onesimus, was returning with Tychicus. In it Paul asks Philemon to receive Onesimus as the Christian brother he had become since running away.

Happily for us, the congregation preserved both of these letters. In them we find assurance that no mediator stands between the Christian and God, for in Christ is God—"For in him dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily and ye are complete in him" (Colossians 2:9, 10).

HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS

First English Lutheran Church like the man who founded it has demonstrated a tenacity of faith to endure the storms of life both literally and figurately, for the first public meeting was held on a cold and stormy night on December 13th, 1904 on Ellice Avenue near Main St. in the British and Foreign Bible Society Building.

The congregation was formally organized on June 25th, 1905 in a tent on Ellice and Agnes Street with a charter Membership of 28 members.

Ground was broken for a church building on September 27th, 1905, and by January 21st, 1906 the congregation dedicated their new church building located at Ellice and Agnes.

Under the leadership of the Rev. P. E. Boisler with great hope and determination, the congregation built the present building in which we worship. The corner stone was laid in 1911, and services were conducted in the basement until the building was completed and dedicated on the first Sunday in Advent, November, 1913.

Because of the First World War in 1914, many of the members moved away, and the remaining members were left to carry a staggering indebtedness for such a small number.

However by the grace of God and with His help, new members were added to the roll, and with their spiritual zeal for God's work, their good judgement in business matters and their willingness to give generously, and under the leadership of the Rev. Arthur Midland, the congregation celebrated the burning of the mortgage on November 27th, 1949 on its 36th Anniversary.

During 1950 the church suffered damage from both the flood and the hurricane that struck Winnipeg, and was without a pastor for eight months.

Pastor H. H. W. Egler, the present pastor was called and took over his duties on World Communion Sunday in October, 1950. During his pastorate the congregation has grown in membership, and bought and paid for a parsonage at 229 Garfield St. The interior and exterior of the church has been redecorated and repaired and a new entrance to the study and basement has just been completed.

Within the past fifty years, the congregation has been served by fourteen pastors, and none of the charter members remain.



REV. H. H. W. EGLER

Pastor

1950 - 1955

*"Grace be unto you and
peace, from God Our
Father, and from Our
Lord and Saviour
Jesus Christ."*

*"We are laborers together
with God." 1. Cor. 3:9*

Although by the grace of God I have been permitted to serve only the last five of these fifty years, I have considered

them blessed years, for God has blessed my efforts and has given me many wonderful opportunities to win souls for Christ, and to minister to those who desired spiritual help and guidance.

However, I do not consider the efforts were mine alone, for these years of service have verified my first message to this congregation that, "We are labourers together with God." As pastor and people we have labored in union with the Synod of the Northwest and the United Lutheran Church of America, and our congregation has demonstrated its love and faith in God by the example it has set in its efforts in Lay-Evangelism and Stewardship.

Whatever measure of success we have achieved, and whatever blessings we may have received, have come to us by the grace of God through the united effort of the United Lutheran Church, the Synod of the Northwest, the members of the congregation, and the pastors who have served this congregation during the past fifty years.

On this occasion, may we all re-dedicate ourselves that we may continue to be, "Laborers together with God" as we enter a new era of service to our Lord.

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